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### NEXT MEETING

Thursday,  
August 22, 1996  
7:00 p.m.

### PROGRAM

ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC



### \*\*PRIZES \*\*\*\*\* PRIZES \*\*\*\*\* PRIZES \*\*\*\*\* PRIZES \*\*\*\*\* PRIZES\*\*

Promptness Prize---1942 Walking Liberty Half  
Grand Prize--- Gold 2-Pesos

1879-S Morgan Silver Dollar	
Youngs Service-- G/F 5 cents-----	Provo,Ut----- unlisted
L Barsotti-- G/F 15 cent cigar-----	Ogden,Ut----- HR 7-- \$15-40
W A Bond-- G/F 1-Drink or Cigar-----	Modena,Ut----- LR 7--\$55-65
Sadler Merc Co.-- G/F 6 1/4 cents-----	SLC,Ut-----HR 6--\$35-45
R D Sutton Billiard Parlors-- G/F 5 cents-----	Park City,Ut-----HR 5--\$20-35
51 Inn "Beer"-- G/F 10 cents-----	SLC,Ut----- HR 2--\$10-18
ZCMI-- G/F 5 cents-----	SLC,Ut----- HR 3--\$8-16
Moroni Co-op "1896"-- G/F 10 cents-----	Moroni,Ut----- HR 1--\$18-28
Helper Club-- G/F \$1.00-----	Helper,Ut----- LR 2--\$10-20
The Antler-- G/F 6 1/4 cents-----	SLC,Ut----- HR 6--\$10-35
C.E.S. Co. #1-- G/F 1-exploder-----	Hiawatha,Ut----- LR 1--\$10-15
S.L. Union Bar-- G/F a Beer or 5 cent cigar-----	SLC,Ut----- unlisted
Chesapeake-----	SLC,Ut----- LR 1--\$8-14
Miners Pool Hall-- G/F 12 1/2 cents-----	Coppertfield,Ut--- HR 2--\$12-20
G H Lyon Drug Co-- G/F 10 cents-----	Murray,Ut----- unlisted
First Day of Issue Envelope/Railroad Stamp-----	

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## WAGON MASTERS REPORT

By Bruce Dugger



We had 64 entries for the F.O.M. Some nice things are being found by you Nuts members. Its really hard to stay out for a long period of time in the heat but sometimes it's worth it. My glasses get to the point where I can't see through them because of the sweat that has dripped all over them, but I still keep on going knowing that my next target is going to be a real keeper. As far as the Alunite trip went, only myself, Tom Mahoney, Rob Winkle and Eric Hubbard showed up. The detecting was a little slow but the company and camping out was great. The only tokens found were a couple of tax tokens. Several coins found were---a Barber Dime, Indian head penny, Buffalo nickel, Chinese Cash coin, Several wheat back pennies, Merc dime. Roosevelt Dime, Miscellaneous buttons, Marbles and one small bottle. Coin dates ranged from 1907 to 1956. All in all we had a good time. If you have never been to Bullion City (just outside of Marysville) you should go and check it out. (we did) It has a lot of the old mining tools and equipment there to see and some of the old houses and the old stamp mill is still standing to look at. Well its time for the 1st place winners for the F.O.M.

U.S. Coin	-----	Bruce Dugger--1897 Barber Quarter
Foreign Coin	-----	Bruce Dugger--1862 Half Anna (India) (Part of British Empire)
Token	-----	Jeral Smith--Sunnyside Liquor G/F 21/2 cents SLC
Jewelry	-----	Helen Epstein--Bag of Metals
Artifact	-----	Jerry Couch--Toy Pistol
Button	-----	Bruce Dugger--Civil War Era enlisted mens Eagle
Non-Metal	-----	Two-Way Tie between; Bruce Dugger--2-Fancy & 1- Brown Bennington Marbles Diane Nicewinter--Marbles
Peoples Choice Bottle	-----	Bruce Dugger--Van Buskirks for teeth & Breath
Oldest U.S. Coin	-----	Chris Benson--1839 Seated Half Dime
Oldest U.S. Cent	-----	Jeral Smith--1873 Indian Head



Well its time to let everyone know where they are at with points for the F.O.M. entries from Feb through July.

Bruce Dugger	-----	197 points	Bill Brown	-----	13 points
Jeral Smith	-----	144 points	Brian Westover	-----	12 points
Chris Benson	-----	102 points	John James	-----	11 points
Helen Epstein	-----	85 points	Kevin Anderson	-----	9 points
Eric Hubbard	-----	70 points	Diane Nicewinter	-----	8 points
Tim Rose	-----	34 points	Isaac Gold	-----	7 points
Jim Liddiard	-----	33 points	Robin Hubbard	-----	5 points
Jim Jeffries	-----	30 points	Mary Smith	-----	4 points
Tim Zuver	-----	25 points	Jolene Henderson	-----	4 points
Jerry Couch	-----	25 points	Karen Secor	-----	1 point
Ralph Gold	-----	15 points			
Rob Winkle	-----	15 points			



## ACTING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bill Turpela

Well, its Hot August. I know you are saying: "what's new and how can I tell the difference between last month and this month?" Its easy! It's the Annual Club Picnic at Fairmont Park in Sugarhouse (same place as last year). Look for the map in the this *Token Hunter*.

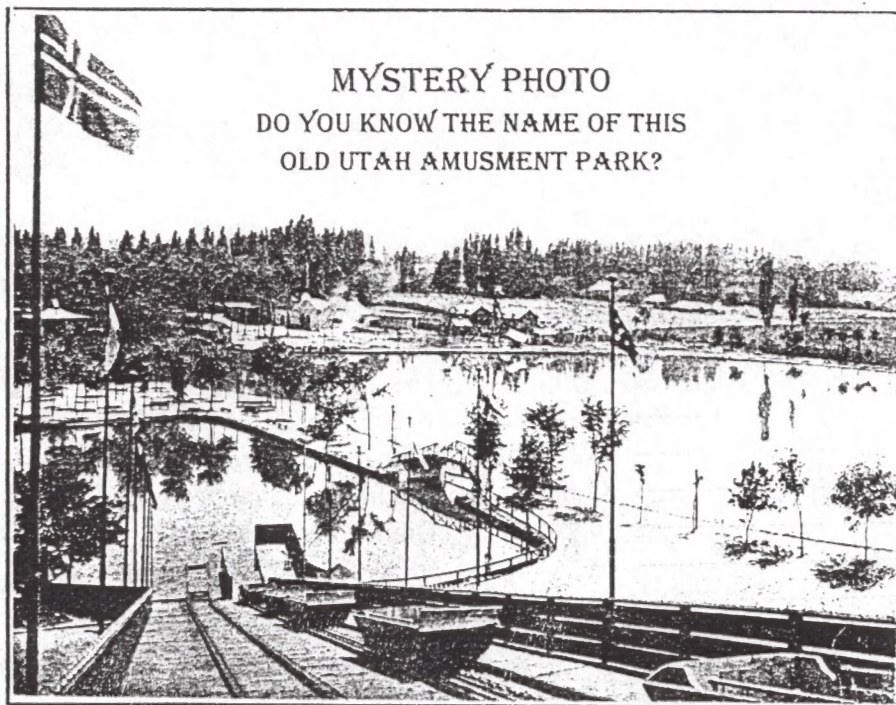
So bring you favorite meat for your family and a favorite salad or dessert for club members for a potluck picnic (drinks, ice, and hot charcoal provided by the club). We'll have the find of the month and prize drawings as we always do.

There will not be a speaker -- only food and drinks -- my favorite. For September, I have am trying to get a good speaker with some neat tokens and pictures. So plan on being at the picnic this month and the meeting next month because both should be good fun and enjoyment for all.



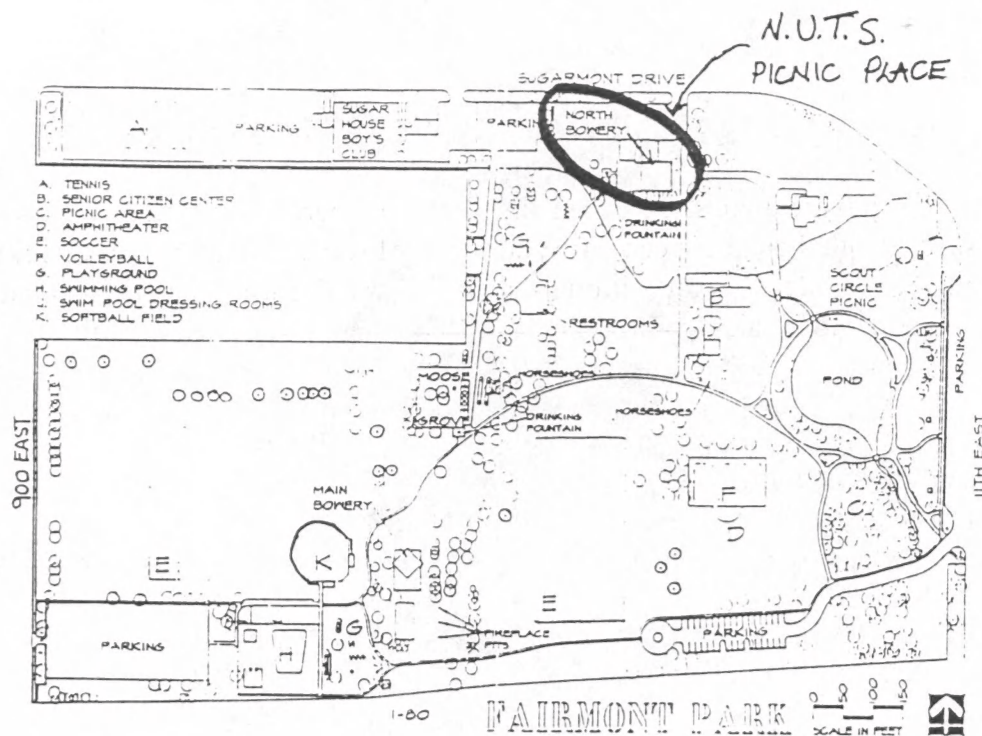
I have not been doing much in the way of detecting, and I missed the club outing. I was looking forward to going, but, as most of you know, for the last two years I've been fighting for the right to have my little girl visit me and her big brother. I had a good trip to California, and we had our Liz come with us for 2+ weeks. Maybe with a little more work, we will be back to being as normal as we can without having her full time. So now you know my find of the month -- my daughter!

Also, don't forget the big ATCO show will be here on the week-end of the 24th and 25th. Also, there is an antique show on the 23rd and 24th in Provo, so there should be something to do for all of us to do. Hope to see you at the picnic, if not before.



### MYSTERY PHOTO

DO YOU KNOW THE NAME OF THIS  
OLD UTAH AMUSMENT PARK?



## ANNUAL N.U.T.S. PICNIC

Its time again for the Club's annual picnic at Fairmont Park which is located to the west of the Sugar House Shopko just off of I-80 and 13th East (the park boundaries run parallel to I-80 between 9th East and 11th East). The Club has reserved the North Bowery (the same place as last year's picnic) from 7:00 to 10:00. The club will provide soda pop and ice, a simple but coin-related treat for the kids, and hot charcoal. Each member should bring the following:

1. Choice of meat for barbecuing;
2. Pot-luck salad, dessert, or other food item for sharing with club members;
3. Eating utensils, plates, cups, napkins, etc.

Fairmont Park has an interesting history. When the Pioneers arrived in 1847, they found a number of natural springs in the area (water still bubbles from the ground in many areas). The springs were used to irrigate crops and later a fish hatchery was constructed on the site. Because of the abundance of water, the area became a lush paradise with trees, grass, and ponds.

The city acquired the property in the 1930's and constructed a beautiful park by taking advantage of the area's natural characteristics. The Park was dedicated in 1937 and contained six fishing ponds (there is now only one, and I doubt it has any fish in it), a croquet field, an outdoor theater (now the site of the volley-ball courts), a rock garden, an archery field (now the site of the Boys' Club building), and a public library. The freeway eventually eliminated some of the southern portion of the park which flowed into Forest Dell golf course (the original Salt Lake City Country Club).

Many of the original structures are still visible in the park including the caretaker's home, the Scout Fire Circle, the Library (now a senior citizen's center) the grading for the outdoor theater, and the rock barbecues (only one is still usable, but the other two are still visible).

There is nothing like a beautiful (and cool) summer's evening in Fairmont Park, so come join the other Club members for food, fun, find of the month, and the monthly prize drawing. Feel free to bring family or friends who not members of the Club.



## LONE CEDAR MONUMENT

Have you ever wondered about the small, white pavilion constructed on the grass strip at 6th East between 3rd and 4th South? While looking through a tourist guide to Salt Lake City from 1947, I came across a photograph of the pavilion covering a single branch from an old cedar tree. The guide described the branch as a remnant from the only tree in the valley to greet the Mormon Pioneers in the summer of 1847.

The next day, I stopped at the pavilion. The cedar branch is now all but gone (it is probably hanging over someone's fireplace mantel), but two markers describe its historical significance. The tree was the only source of shade for Mormon pioneers

when they entered the valley, and the pioneer trail eventually passed just north of the cedar tree. The marker mentions how the tree became a popular meeting

spot in the valley and was the site of many picnics and public gatherings. Will we ever know what historical treasures lay just below the surface around the old cedar tree?

During August, when the temperature is in the 90's and the sun blazes relentlessly in a cloudless sky, stop by the pavilion and imagine how welcome its solitary shade must have been to weary pioneers who had just completed a four-month

journey to the land of Zion.



Marking the spot where a lone cedar tree greeted the pioneers on their arrival in Salt Lake Valley is the Cedar Post at 6th East and 4th South, now a residential district, once only a sagebrush flat

## BOOKS FROM GEORGE THOMPSON'S LIBRARY

George Thompson is the author of many books familiar to club members including *Some Dreams Die*; *Faded Footprints*; *The Lost Rhoads Mines*; *Throw Down the Box*; *Lost Treasures On The Old Spanish Trail* as well as others. If you are interested in buying books from Mr. Thompson's personal library, they are available from Utah Book & Magazine, 327 South Main Street, 359-4391. The books cover a

number of historical and treasure related topics including western ghost towns, pirate treasure, searching old home sites, and prospecting. Some are signed by Mr. Thompson and others include his notes and underlining. Most of the books are out of print and sell from a few dollars to approximately \$15.00. Who knows, inside of one might be hidden the real Rhodes treasure map!

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## COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

I acquired the new Koss K/W Pro headphones (you must have seen the many ads in *W&E Treasures*). As advertised, these phones go a long way to letting you hear the subtle sound signatures of different targets -- especially silver. The headphones are very comfortable, and the ear pads really block outside noise.

However, I have concerns about their ability to hold up under the riggers of metal detecting since they are essentially made of plastic. The cord is reinforced with Kevlar, which, if nothing else, should make it bullet proof.

If you want to preview a pair, just go to your local Radio Shack and look for the headphones with a price of \$69.99 and a gold jack that says "Koss." I swear they are identical except the K/W's come with a built-in volume control and are mono rather than stereo.

I justified my purchase of the K/W's because I intended to get double-duty from them -- metal detecting as well as music listening. However, I was disappointed to find that the K/W's are not wired for stereo. This is particularly odd since they come with a stereo jack and are designed for the Spectrum XLT which will send a signal to both speakers of stereo headphones.

I remedied this problem by buying a new stereo jack and rewiring the headphones. I realize my "modification" voided the warranty, but I was willing to take a chance. Now the K/W's are great for metal detecting *and* music listening. The bass response really kicks and the sound is very "live."

I (along with everyone else in town) detected some old homes about to be demolished. I was disappointed to find that the TH'er before me didn't bother to fill in his (or her) numerous dig holes. I realize the homes were about to be demolished,

but the yards looked like a small war zone with craters all over the place. I am sure this mess really impressed the neighbors so that when a TH'er asked permission to search their yard they would certainly tell him to go jump in a lake. I am also certain that the next time they hear of metal detecting, they will think of destroyed yards rather than recovered treasures.

A modicum of justice came from the fact that I recovered a number of wheaties, a couple of 1950's nickels, three silver dimes and a silver ring that were all found within a foot or so of the other guy's uncovered dig holes. The moral is: people who are so rushed that they can't fill their dig holes are so rushed that they are missing good targets.



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## Reflections of the ANA Summer Seminar 1996

by H. Robert Campbell

One of the most enjoyable times I have ever had in numismatics was attending the American Numismatic Association educational summer seminar July 13-19, 1996. Educational director James Taylor and Barbara Olson, secretary, out did themselves by providing the best education in the school of numismatics that money could buy. I was invited to be a co-instructor with J.P. Martin for the counterfeit and alteration detection class. Although I felt wholly inadequate, I was surprised how fast and well I fit into the program, largely because J.P. Martin made me feel at ease. I was warned that J.P. was a "wild and crazy guy," and he certainly did not disappoint me, as we became better friends throughout the week. I also got to know the students better; and found teaching more fun than hustle and bustle of buying and selling coins. I learned more than I thought possible in such a short period of time. I feel that all dealers and collectors should attend these seminars because the wealth of knowledge and hands-on experiences cannot be obtained anywhere else. I appreciated Dr. Nate Bower, professor of Analytical Chemistry, who helped me look at coins with an electron microscope to determine surface authentication characteristics.

Getting to know American Numismatic Association staff, with whom I have only spoken on the telephone, brought the ANA on a personal level for myself and the collectors attending the summer seminar. The library is overwhelming, with a wealth of knowledge, and was a dream come true for a researcher. Walking through the museum was unbelievable, seeing such great rarities, like the 1913 5¢, and the two 1804 dollars were fantastic.

The seminar is situated on a beautiful Colorado College campus, with scenery that was soothing. Adult pine trees, gray squirrels, and majestic buildings were a welcome release to the big city life of most coin shows. The food was plentiful and great in the cafeteria and peace and quiet was waiting for you in the college dorms. The dress for the summer seminar was casual at best.

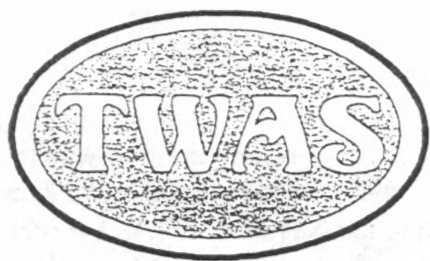
The Young Numismatists auction was an overwhelming success due in part to "Sonny" Henry, Auctioneer, and the Y.N.'s that participated. The Young Numismatists raised more than \$15,000.00 for future Y.N. scholarships. The bull sessions at night after classes were truly full of "bull." Ron Landis and his brother Joe from the Gallery Mint in Eureka Springs, Arkansas brought a hand press to show the striking process. They were kept until the "wee" hours of the morning striking all conceivable errors the audience could think of, at no charge, on a medalet that was specially made for the summer conference. Everyone was supposed to receive one, I think I got 8 1/2.

I also completed a deal of several years in the making: to purchase a United States Mint made 1804 electrotype dollar from my dear friend Ken Bressett. A coin that means a lot to him -- coming from his personal collection and now to me -- because of whom, when, and where it came from. The electrotype dollar is one of only four known and is the finest known of its special class. This is a coin that I have always dreamed of owning. The only thing left is figuring out how to pay for it.

Getting to know the other instructors and realizing how little I knew about numismatics was a humbling experience. Their knowledge in specialized fields left me with a feeling of inadequacy which will linger for months to come. The best compliment I had was from a student who said "you sound more like a collector than a dealer," I will always try to adhere to this student's observation.

In closing I would highly recommend next years summer seminar, which I have already been invited to attend, and learn about the history, art, and our great heritage in the study of numismatics.





# 1996 ANNUAL TREASURE HUNT

Saturday, September 14, 1996

370 North Harrison, Ogden, Utah

11:30AM to 1:30PM = Speed Hunt & Registration

2:00PM = General Hunt

Entry Fee = \$15 Members / \$20 Non-Members

received by Wednesday, September 11, 1996

\$10 added late fee if received after September 11, 1996

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